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Or the ultimate importance of Port Darwin there can be little doubt in the mind of any thinking person, though its growth has so far been comparatively slow. The recent visit of the Duke of Manchester to the Northern Territory will, however, no doubt serve to bring prominently before the British public the striking claims of Port Darwin to attention. At a farewell dinner given to him at Port Darwin, His Grace expressed the highest opinion of the Territory, which he declared to be better grained and watered than even Queensland, while its mineral wealth is great and varied.

The Duke, moreover, manifested a keen interest in the matchless situation of the port, which, when the transcontinental railway is completed, must inevitably become the centre of arrival and departure to and from Europe, India, China, Japan, &c. The advantages of this railway are so vast that we marvel it was not made long ago. The passage from London to Sydney through the Suez Canal, via Colombo, occupies from 46 to 50 days by the P. and O. or Orient steamers, and to Melbourne two days less. Were Port Darwin made the terminus of these lines, and the remainder of the journey performed overland by rail, a saving of from eight to nine days would be effected, the sea voyage shortened by eleven or twelve days, and the latter portion of it would be made through a smooth sea. The Australian Colonies, and therefore New Zealand likewise, would thus be brought into closer contact with the mother country and with India and China, commerce would develop, and emigration increase considerably. The railway is really in process of slow formation, a line already running north from Adelaide to Farina, some three hundred and fifty miles, or rather more than a seventh of the distance to Port Darwin, which, following the telegraphic line, is 2,200 miles. There are no great engineering difficulties across the continent which cannot be avoided, and a large portion of the country through which the railway would pass is well adapted for grazing purposes and cultivation. Of course it would be necessary for New South Wales and Victoria to effect junctions with this grand trunk line of Australia—as it might fairly be called—but this could readily be done by continuing the line from Deniliquin, in New South Wales, to Farina or Beltana in South Australia. This transcontinental railway is naturally of primary importance to South Australia, the prosperity of which province it would most directly and immediately benefit, but it would also give an enormous stimulus to all the colonies by opening up the country, facilitating communication, developing new industries, and bringing them all into closer intercourse with Europe and the East. The traffic along the railway would, we believe, be considerable even at the outset, and it would grow with the settlement of the country and increase of the population. The trade between Australia and the Far East is also destined to increase steadily, and the tea from India and China would undoubtedly go by this route, while the horses and cattle exported to India and the Far East would probably all be sent via Port Darwin. Coal has not, we believe, been discovered in the Northern Territory as yet, but tin, copper, and galena have been found in addition to gold, the mines of which have long been profitably worked. The mining industries will, therefore, be sufficiently extensive to contribute some support to the railway, while the commerce that would spring up would also assist to promote its financial success. We have seen how a population and wealth sprang up along the course of the great American Pacific railway, how they are also being developed along the Canadian Pacific railway, and we may be certain that the same results would follow the opening of the Australian transcontinental line. The railway everywhere proves the pioneer of progress and commerce, and still more markedly is this the case when it abridges the passage over a great ocean highway, as would be the case by Port Darwin being brought into direct communication with the great Australian cities by rail. The incentives that exist for pushing on this great and important enterprise are manifold and powerful, and it is to be hoped that no spirit of rivalry or feeling of animosity will arise to delay its execution.

The British launch *Three Brothers* was to leave the Kowloon dock yesterday.

The Choral Society's first practice of the season took place on Thursday, 14th December at 5.30 p.m. at the City Hall.

The Agent informs us that the Messageries Maritimes steamer *Nadi*, with the next French mail, left Saigon at six o'clock a.m. yesterday for this port.

The Echo de China says that the election of new members of the Macao Senate took place on Sunday, the 26th November, and the following gentlemen have been elected: Mr. José Baptista, Floriano da Cruz, Lourenço I. Pereira, João Ellulouro d'Almeida, and Vicente José Gracias.

It will be seen, by our Police Intelligence, that all the prisoners charged with being concerned in the murder of the late Mr. H. J. Russell, who was discharged by the Magistrate at the Police Court, for want of evidence. This was the only man the evidence implicated in the case, and he was not in possession of the property belonging to the deceased man identified as his property, and which he was wearing during the day he was murdered.

The return, carried out from the Hongkong Volunteer Corps and the representatives of the local battery of the Royal Artillery stationed here, will take place on the range at Kowloon on Saturday afternoon. The ranges will be the same as on the previous occasion, viz., 200, 300, and 400 yards, with five shots at each and the target will be placed at the same distance as on the previous occasion, and will be a little stronger with regard to the fall, but the other men have not been practising as they ought, and there is no practical ground beyond the chances of war or of actual fighting, and it is to be hoped that their positions with the regulars. The volunteers will leave Pender's Wharf at 2.30. There is some talk of a match between the volunteers and the regulars, but there is no definite thing decided about it.

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Mr. Justice Russell asked the applicant who wanted to get the memorandum stamped if it was of no use and the respondent was to be stamped.

Mr. Russell explained that it was because Mr. Russell was putting him off and would not sign the contract, and he thought if he could get the memorandum stamped it would do away with the necessity of his bringing Mr. Russell into court to force him to sign the contract.

He went to Mr. Russell afterwards and told him if he did not sign he would prosecute him, and Mr. Russell, seeing his determination, then signed the contract.

The Chief Justice said—You see this memorandum is executed on the 7th March and it is not until the 15th or 16th April you get it stamped. You let it go on for six weeks, and it is only when you are taking proceedings in court you go to get it stamped.

Mr. Russell said the delay was caused by Mr. Russell refusing to sign the contract, and that he was not in possession of the property belonging to the deceased man identified as his property, and which he was wearing during the day he was murdered.

The Chief Justice suggested the applicant might keep his stamps by him, and then there would be no need for two documents.

The Attorney-General said as Mr. Russell had been so long in getting the stamps, he might perhaps be allowed to state that Mr. Russell had presented four other notes of a precisely similar kind to be stamped, and when the stamps were not made, making a practice of giving notes of this kind he declined to hear him.

The Chief Justice—I think he ought to have been allowed to state that he had presented four other notes of a precisely similar kind to be stamped, and when the stamps were not made, making a practice of giving notes of this kind he declined to hear him.

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VESSELS ON THE BERTH

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The O. & C. steamer *Oedgic*, with the no American mail, left Yokohama on the 22nd inst. and may be expected to arrive here on or about the 28th inst.

THE FRANCE MAIL.

The M. M. Co.'s steamer *Nadal*, with the no French mail, left Saigon at 6 a.m. on the 26th and is due here on the morning of the 30th inst.

THE INDIAN MAIL.

The direct steamers, with the next India mail, left Calcutta on the 19th November, & may be looked for here on or about the 6th December.

STEAMERS EXPECTED.

The Glen Line steamer *Glenaven* left Singapore on the 19th, and is due here on the 27th inst.

The Shire Line steamer *Cardiganshire*, from Hamburg and London, left Singapore on the 24th, and may be expected to arrive here on or about the 30th inst.

POST-OFFICE NOTICES.

Attention is invited to the following regulations on the subject of Local Delivery—
LOCAL DELIVERY.—No delivery is attempted on board Ship, at the Peak, Kowloon, Aberdeen, &c., nor at any private house (even those named in the address) when they are in a place of business, except when delivery can be effected by Postal Guide, par. 159.

The above Regulation is not new, but has been the invariable rule of the Post Office many years. Considerable efforts have been made to secure its being generally understood, but, nevertheless, if possible, any further disquietment in the matter it will apply

AT WHOLESALE PRICES.

The Postal Guide for 1884, revised to
be will be found in the *Daily Press* Direct
p 385 large edition, p 633 small edition.
is the only authorized complete Summer
Postal information published in Hongkong.

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connection with this paper is the one pub-
lished twice each day in our paper, which is al-
ways intended to reach letter hour than that p-
below.

A MAIL WILL CLOSE.

For Swatow and Amoy—For *Tai-choo*,
day, the 27th inst., at 7.30 A.M.
For Shanghai—For *Pookang*, to-day,
the inst., at 11.30 A.M.
For Fokien—For *Fukien*, to-day,
the inst., at 5.00 P.M.
For Straits, Colombo, & Bombay—For *Sat-*
urday, to-morrow, the 18th inst., at 11.30 A.M.
For Amoy, Canton, & Hongkong—On Saturday
the 29th inst., at 11.30 A.M.
For Amoy & Munia—For *Dianzou*, to-
morrow, the 29th inst., at 11.30 A.M.
For Amoy & Hongkong—For *Tai-ping*, on Sat-

FOR SALE

THE SINGAPORE FREE PRESS.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.
The French Contract Packet *Immaculée* will be despatched on TUESDAY the 2nd of February, with Mails to the United Kingdom, Europe, and places beyond, viz. Naples, Saigon, Straits Settlements, Batavia, Ben-Ceylon, the Australasian Colonies, Pondicherry, Aden, Mauritius, Egypt, India, and Gibraltar.
The usual hours will be observed in clearing the Mails, &c.

HOURS FOR CLOSING THE CONTRACT MAILS.
THE FRENCH MAIL.
The following hours are observed in clearing Mails, &c., by the British Contract Packet *Day of Departure.*
NOON.—Money Order Office closes.
1.00 P.M.—Registry of Letters ceasing, ending of all printed matter and patterns.
2.00 P.M.—Mails closed, except for Late Letters.
3.10 P.M.—Mails may be posted with Late Letters 10 cents until
3.30 P.M.—when the Post Office closes until
3.40 P.M.—Late Letters may be posted on the packet with late fare of 10 cents.
Time of departure.

THE FRENCH MAIL.
Day before Departure.
5 P.M.—Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes, except the night box, which is a open out of office hours.
Day of Departure.
10 A.M.—Post Office opens.
10 A.M.—Registry of Letters ceases. Post Office all printed matter and patterns ceases.
11 A.M.—Mail closes, except for Late Letters.
11.10 A.M.—Letters may be posted with Late Letters 10 cents until
11.30 A.M.—when the Post Office closes until
11.40 A.M.—Late Letters may be posted on the packet with Late fare of 10 cents.
Time of departure.

RATES OF POSTAGE.

Letters, per 4 oz. 10
Post Cards, each 3
Books, Patterns, and Commercial 2
Papers, per 2 oz. 2

STEEL PENS.

AM.	Registration	15
	Do. with return receipt	16
with	Commercial papers signify such papers	
Returned	though written by hand, do not bear the character of an actual or personal correspondence	
Cost	as invoices, deeds, copied music, &c. The cost	
ified	is the same as for Books, but all packets of under 4 oz. weight are charged 5 cents.	
	REGULATIONS FOR THE EXCHANGE OF MONEY ORDERS AND POSTAL NOTES.	
Sharks	1.—Money Orders or Postal Notes are	
ia,	on the following countries and places:—	
	Ch. Greenland	

WITH THE PUNTI AND MANDARIN

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following facts are submitted for consideration
Chalmers' Vocabulary contains about 16,600

POSTAL NOTES.

6.—Postal Notes of the values named are payable within three months at any Post Office in the United Kingdom, or at Hongkong, Canton, Shanghai, or at any British Post Office in China, at the following prices, which include Commission.

10/-	30 cents
5/-	15
2/-	31.45
1/-	16
10/-	82.56
5/-	41.28

All money orders on the United Kingdom sum not exceeding £5 applied for at Hongkong or Shanghai will be granted by means of Notes.

7.—The purchaser of any Postal Note should keep a memorandum of its date and number. He must fill in the Payee's name before he uses it. He may also fill in the name of the place to which the note is payable. If he does not do the note is payable (within three months) anywhere in the United Kingdom, at Gibraltar, or at Canton, Shanghai. Any Postal Note not used at the Bank of China will be treated as cash.

8.—Postal Notes should always be forwarded in Registered Cover. If this precaution taken no enquiries whatever will be made as to the use of any Note. No note can be made in any case.

9.—Postal Notes issued in the United Kingdom are not payable in Hongkong or China. The General Post Office, Hongkong, September, 1884.

